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This will undoubtedly have substantial workload implications for all of us.

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Thoughts ?

**From:** Castillo, Victor [<mailto:Victor.Castillo@mail.house.gov>]  
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**To:** Schiller, Laura (Boxer); Poirier, Bettina (EPW)  
**Subject:** Exide Vernon Plant and GAO

Dear Laura and Bettina,

As you are likely aware, Exide has operated a lead acid battery recycling facility in Vernon, CA, in my boss' congressional district. The plant recently closed following years of operational violations and enforcement actions. The EPA has delegated permitting and enforcement authorities under RCRA to the State of California while retaining inspection and enforcement authorities.

The Congresswoman is concerned that this delegated authority did not sufficiently protect the families who reside in the neighborhoods near the plant, where now more than 10,000 families are estimated to be at risk of lead poisoning. She plans to send the attached letter to GAO inquiring about the delegated authority outlined in RCRA, its ability to protect the public and ways to strengthen the delegated authority to prevent similar situations from occurring. She is inviting Senator Boxer to sign it with her and is also reaching out to Senator Feinstein as well. We would like to get the letter out before the end of next week.

I am happy to speak with you about this.

Best,

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